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## Man stabs cops, 'drowns while fleeing'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogura

A man's body has been found in a pond after he allegedly stabbed police officers at Saghata Police Station in Gaibandha.

Police said the man, Md Siju Mia, 21, from Baguria village of Gaibandha Sadar, died "after jumping into the pond" while trying to escape after attacking police.

Siju, a student of a local college, launched the attack on Thursday night reportedly after police refused to file a general diary over his lost mobile phone.

His body was recovered from the pond by Fire Service and Civil Defence personnel yesterday morning, said Mashiur Rahman, sub-inspector of Saghata Police Station.

Bidroho Kumar Kundu, additional superintendent of police of Gaibandha's A-Circle, said Siju first came to Saghata Police Station at 8:40pm on Thursday to file a GD for a lost mobile phone.

The duty officer asked him for some information, including the phone's IMEI number. He couldn't

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Stacks of handcrafted boats, light yet sturdy, are being delivered to the local market as monsoon demand surges. Popular for transporting people and goods through rural waterways, each of these small boats sells for Tk 4,000 to 6,000. The photo was taken yesterday in Khulna's Terokhada upazila.

PHOTO: HABIBUR RAHMAN

## Hasina left us a dysfunctional state: Nahid

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

National Citizen Party Convener Nahid Islam yesterday said the spirit of the Liberation War must be protected from authoritarian politics.

Criticising past governments, Nahid said, "Mujibism has repeatedly tried to re-emerge in various forms. It represents one-party rule, corruption, religious insensitivity, land grabs from minorities, and subservience to India. We must protect the spirit of the Liberation War from such politics."

The NCP held a road march and a rally in Sunamganj town as part of its nationwide month-long programme, "July March to Rebuild the Nation".

During the rally, Nahid called for systemic reforms to rebuild what he termed a "dysfunctional state".

Speaking at the rally at Allat Square in Sunamganj town, he said, "We live in a country where buses lack fitness, planes lack fitness, and even people lack fitness. Sheikh Hasina has imposed on us a state without any fitness."

Nahid said the NCP was founded to "repair a state that has lost its fitness".

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## Fossil footprints reveal different dinosaur species herded together

INDEPENDENT.CO.UK

Fossil footprints discovered in Canada show that different dinosaur species sometimes herded together, shedding more light on social interaction among the prehistoric beasts.

The footprints at the Dinosaur Provincial Park in Alberta, Canada, is the first discovery of its kind.



An analysis of the fossil site, detailed in the journal PLOS One, provides the first piece of concrete evidence of mixed species herding behaviour among dinosaurs, similar to how modern wildebeest and zebra travel together on the African plains.

Researchers, including from the University of Reading in the UK, say they were surprised to find fossil tracks of a pair of tyrannosaurs walking side by side and perpendicular to the multi-species herd.

Such multispecies herding could have been a defence strategy against common apex predators like T rexes, the researchers said.

The researchers found 13 horned dinosaur tracks from at least five animals walking side by side on the 30 square metres of the fossil site unearthed so far. They also noticed tracks indicating that an armoured dinosaur like the ankylosaurus walked in the midst of the herd.

## Quarter of children in Gaza clinic malnourished

Warns MSF as 9 more die of malnutrition; French plan to recognise Palestinian state draws fire from Israel, US

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Doctors Without Borders charity said yesterday that a quarter of all young children screened at its clinics in Gaza were malnourished, blaming Israel's "policy of starvation".

The medical aid group known by its French acronym MSF said that "Israeli authorities' deliberate use of starvation as a weapon in Gaza has reached unprecedented levels, with patients and healthcare workers themselves now fighting to survive".

It said that its staff in the besieged and war-torn Palestinian territory were receiving growing numbers of malnourished patients.

"Across screenings of children aged six months to five years old and pregnant and breastfeeding women at MSF facilities last week, 25 percent were malnourished," it said.

With fears of mass starvation growing, Britain, France and Germany were set to hold an emergency call to push for a ceasefire between Israel and Hamas and discuss steps towards Palestinian statehood.

Gaza hospitals yesterday recorded nine new deaths due to starvation and malnutrition

over 24 hours, raising the total number of starvation deaths to 122. Meanwhile, Israel said it will allow foreign countries to parachute aid into Gaza.

In the ground, Israeli forces

States also recalled its delegation from the talks for consultations on Thursday, with US envoy Steve Witkoff accusing Hamas of failing to act in good faith in the talks.

Meanwhile, France intends to



4 aid seekers among 11 Palestinians killed in Israeli strikes

Truce talks expected to resume next week

yesterday killed at least 11 Palestinians since dawn, including four aid seekers, reports Al Jazeera online.

Gaza ceasefire talks are expected to resume next week following Israel's review of the response by Hamas, Egyptian state-affiliated Al Qahera News TV said yesterday, citing an Egyptian source.

Al Qahera said the Israeli delegation left one day after Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu recalled the negotiating team for consultations.

Close Israeli ally the United

recognise a Palestinian state in September at the United Nations General Assembly, President Emmanuel Macron said later on Thursday in hopes of bringing peace to the region, but the plan drew angry rebukes from Israel and the United States.

"True to its historic commitment to a just and lasting peace in the Middle East, I have decided that France will recognise the state of Palestine," Macron said.

"I will make this solemn announcement at the United

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## MUGGING OF JOURNALIST 4 cops withdrawn over inaction Police negligence sparks outrage; 3 arrested

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A journalist was mugged in the capital's Mohammadpur area on Thursday night, where muggers attacked him with a machete and took his phone and wallet. The incident sparked public outrage after police initially showed negligence in responding to his complaint.

Amid the backlash, police later recovered the stolen phone and arrested three suspects - Yusuf, 26, Siam, 23, and Jahurul, 22.

Four policemen were withdrawn yesterday from duty for mishandling the case and failing to take immediate action, said Talebur Rahman, deputy commissioner (media) of Dhaka Metropolitan Police.

They are Sub-Inspector Jasim Uddin, Assistant Sub-Inspector Anarul, and constables Majedur Rahman and Md Nurunnabi.

The incident came to light after Ahmad Wadud, a journalist at a Bengali daily, rushed to Mohammadpur Police Station, located just a few minutes from the crime scene.

In a Facebook post detailing the ordeal, Wadud described how he and his wife were returning home late Thursday night, around 11:00pm when a group of muggers attacked him with a machete and fled with his phone and wallet. His wife was not mugged, as she had been walking slightly behind.

According to Wadud, the initial response from the police was dismissive. When he reported the incident to Officer-in-Charge Ali Iltokhar Hasan, the OC reportedly showed him his inexpensive phone and remarked, "Even I, as the OC, use a cheap phone. If you carry such expensive devices, of course, you'll get mugged," Wadud wrote.

Wadud also described how he was belittled by Sub-Inspector Jasim for having his shirt button open, which

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## US lifts sanctions on Myanmar junta allies

The move comes after junta chief praises Trump, calls for easing of sanctions

REUTERS, Washington

The United States lifted sanctions designations on several allies of Myanmar's ruling generals on Thursday, two weeks after the head of the ruling junta praised President Donald Trump and called for an easing of sanctions in a letter responding to a tariff warning.

Human Rights Watch called the move "extremely worrying" and said it suggested a major shift was underway in US policy towards Myanmar's military, which overthrew a democratically elected government in 2021 and has been implicated in crimes against humanity and genocide.

A notice from the US Treasury Department said KT Services & Logistics and its founder, Jonathan Myo Kyaw Thaug; the MCM Group and its owner Aung Hlaing Oo; and Suntac Technologies and its owner Sit Taing Aung; and another individual, Tin Latt Min, were being removed from the US sanctions list.

KT Services & Logistics and Jonathan Myo Kyaw Thaug were added to the sanctions list in January 2022 under the Biden administration in a step timed to mark the first anniversary of

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Without halting at a designated stop, a BRTC bus drops off a visually impaired man in the middle of the road, showing blatant disregard for his safety. On Dhaka's busy roads, buses fail to provide basic accessibility for passengers with disabilities. The photo was taken on the Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue yesterday.

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

## 21 pushed in thru Sherpur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

Twenty-one people were pushed into Bangladesh through Sherpur's Nakugaon border in Nalitabari upazila early yesterday.

Lt Col Mahadi Hassan, commanding officer of Border Guard Bangladesh BGB 39 Battalion in Mymensingh, said believed to be Rohingyas, the five men, five women, and 11 children were pushed into Bangladesh around 1:15am through the Hatipagar area.

Quoting them, he said the families had initially taken refuge in the Ukhiya Balukhali camp in Cox's Bazar during the 2017 Rohingya influx but later crossed into India illegally.

They were working as labourers in hotels and houses the Jammu and Kashmir region of India. A month ago, they were arrested as illegal immigrants in a raid conducted by the Indian police.

Later they were handed over to the Border Security Force (BSF), who pushed them across the border into Bangladesh, the BGB officer said.

A BGB patrol team detained them and sheltered them at a local government primary school.

"Their identities are being verified," he said, adding that further legal steps will follow.